

MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

The Arts Board is a state executive branch agency that stimulates and encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state. *Minnesota Statutes 129D.04*

Created by the Minnesota Legislature in 1903, it is one of the oldest state government arts agencies in the country.

Minnesotans, in every county and community of the state, care about the arts. We recognize that the arts are valuable in our own lives, our children's lives, and our communities.

We value the arts because they inspire, enlighten, connect, and challenge us. The arts give us unique and meaningful experiences, and help us understand and imagine the world from other points of view.

Beyond this, their essential purpose and benefit, the arts also produce tremendous secondary benefits that help Minnesota achieve many of its most important public goals—academic achievement, community development, health and well-being, economic development.

KEY ACTIVITIES

The Arts Board's key duties are outlined in Minnesota Statutes:

- It makes grants to individuals and organizations throughout the state
- It serves as fiscal agent for a statewide network of regional arts councils
- It provides advice to other state departments relating to the arts
- It manages the Minnesota Percent for Art in Public Places program, through a delegation from the Minnesota Department of Administration
- It sponsors the state Poetry Out Loud competition



BY THE NUMBERS

In the FY 2020-2021 biennium, the Arts Board and regional arts councils together:

7,232 number of grant applications reviewed

5,216 number of grants made

\$68,410,605 dollars awarded

19,010,253 people participated in funded activities



25-YEAR STRATEGIC GOALS

The Arts Board and regional arts councils are working together to produce the following outcomes:

- The arts are essential for a vibrant society.
- The arts are interwoven into every facet of community life.
- Minnesotans believe the arts are vital to who we are.
- People of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities participate in the arts.
- People trust Minnesota's stewardship of public arts funding.
- The arts thrive in Minnesota.

MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

The Minnesota State Arts Board is made up of eleven citizens who are appointed by the governor and approved by the Senate. The board must have at least one member from each of Minnesota's eight Congressional districts.

Uri Camarena, Minneapolis

Congressional district 5, Legislative district 62A

Michael J. Charron, Winona

Congressional district 1, Legislative district 26A

Richard Cohen, Saint Paul

Congressional district 4, Legislative district 64B

Emily Galusha, Minneapolis

Congressional district 5, Legislative district 61A

Anthony Gardner, Saint Cloud

Congressional district 6, Legislative district 14B

Ken Martin, Eagan

Congressional district 2, Legislative district 52B

Philip McKenzie, Thief River Falls

Congressional district 7, Legislative district 1B

Nicole Melton-Mitchell, Brooklyn Park

Congressional district 3, Legislative district 34B

Dobson West, Minneapolis

Congressional district 5, Legislative district 61A

Chris Widdess, Minneapolis

Congressional district 5, Legislative district 59A

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REGIONAL ARTS COUNCILS

Region 1 - Northwest Minnesota Arts Council

Counties served: Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau

Region 2 - Region 2 Arts Council

Counties served: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen

Region 3 - Arrowhead Regional Arts Council

Counties served: Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Saint Louis

Region 4 - Lake Region Arts Council

Counties served: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin

Region 5 - Five Wings Arts Council

Counties served: Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, Wadena

Region 6E/6W/8 - Southwest Minnesota Arts Council

Counties served: Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Lac qui Parle, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, Yellow Medicine

Region 7E - East Central Regional Arts Council

Counties served: Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine

Region 7W - Central Minnesota Arts Board

Counties served: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright

Region 9 - Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

Counties served: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan

Region 10 - Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council

Counties served: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Mower, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Winona

Region 11 - Metropolitan Regional Arts Council

Counties served: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington

